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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ORR

MONTH OF JULY 1957

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. July was a routine month in the Geographic Research Area, although cartographic and map reference activities continued to operate at near-capacity levels. Research production was highlighted by the dissemination of a new Geographic Intelligence Review, and the near completion of the old-format U/W program. Three new U/W studies, done according to the "feasibility" format, are almost ready for reproduction. Major attention continued to be given to priority photographic studies, IGY-Antarctica, and the coordination of community interests in foreign aerial photography and mapping surveys.

2. The Cartography Division completed 55 maps and charts, all for CIA. Requests for the month numbered 65, 59 for CIA and 6 for the Department of State. The Special Support Branch completed 16 maps and charts and accepted requests for 21; in addition, 5 revisions and 2 reruns were requested and completed.

3. The Map Library Division received 4,706 maps and 981 related publications from foreign sources. Of these, 31% were retained in CIA, 30% sent to AMS, 20% to the Library of Congress, 13% to NSA, and the remaining 6% divided among the other IAMPCC agencies. A total of 21,187 map sheets were disseminated in answer to 1,225 map requests. Outgoing communications totalled 216, of which 160 related to foreign procurement and 56 to domestic correspondence.

4. The Photo Intelligence Division completed three Photographic Intelligence Memoranda /PIM(L)-7, Storage Area at Shui-kou Airfield; PIM(L)-8, Southeast China Situation; and PIM(L)-9, Current Status of New Airfields in SE China /. The majority of the work done by the Division continued to be in support of top priority projects for the DCI, DD/I, and AD/RR.

25X1A2g 5. The Geography Division completed one Geographic Intelligence Review (MR-52); three Geographic Intelligence Reports /GR-109, Code: [REDACTED] GR-148, Possible Guided-Missile Testing Ranges in the USSR; and GR-156, Target Brochure: Hajin /; and one G/E memoranda.

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6. The Chief/G returned to duty following five months' attendance at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk.

7. The Office of the Chief/G presented a paper on "Geographic Intelligence in Wartime" and one on "Geographic Central Support Services in Wartime" at the DD/I's 1957 Operation Alert exercise. The secretary to Chief/G supervised the stenographic team selected for the exercise.

8. The Chief, Map Library Division, participated in a variety of conferences related to coordination of community interests in foreign aerial survey and mapping projects.

9. The new D/GG-D/GC map, Railroads in Latin America, was delivered in 425 copies to the International Conference Division, Department of State, for use at the Pan American Railway Congress being held in Buenos Aires at the end of August.

25X1A5a1 10. Extended discussions were initiated with the Soviet Mapping Intelligence Staff, D/GG, by two groups of scientists [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
[REDACTED] for the U.S. Navy Bureau of Ordnance, and another group from the Office of Naval Research) who are undertaking a study at the request of the Chief of Naval Operations. The purpose of the study is to evaluate (1) available geodetic and cartographic data on the Soviet Union, and (2) prospects for field collection of data for which no map coverage or geodetic data are available. A paper summarizing the discussions is in preparation for Agency policy levels, to inform them of the eventual demands that might be placed on the Agency.

11. A meeting on the NIS was scheduled between the Geography Division and the Special Studies Section, ACIC, just prior to the Section's transfer to St. Louis. It is anticipated that many problems will arise in effecting Chapter IX coordination with ACIC in St. Louis, particularly since there is to be no direct tie line.

12. Further steps were made during the month toward enlarging D/GG's contacts with DD/P. Two individuals from FE/4 spent a number of days in GG/F assisting with the exploitation of operational reports submitted from the field. Also, they have agreed to review the Northeast Thailand study and give the Branch the benefit of their field knowledge. The improvement in working relations stems directly from the Division's initiative in seeking it, and the performance of researchers in fulfilling DD/P tasks.

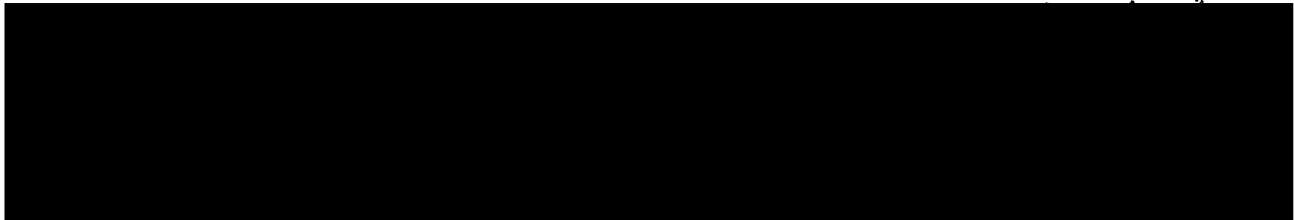
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13. The Map Library Division has assembled an atlas of page-size CIA maps, by areas, to make it more convenient and efficient for researchers to view and select maps of this size. An atlas of page-size NIS base maps has also been assembled for easier viewing.

14. A variety of mapping and spot research support was provided for the Special Advisor on Geography, Department of State.

15. The Chief, D/CG, attended the Communications Seminar, Summer Institute of Executive Development for Top Level Federal Administrators, at the University of Chicago, from 15 to 26 July. He reports that the seminar is an excellent one and recommends it for other Agency administrators.

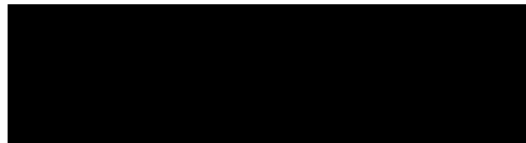
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of the Ballistics Research Laboratory at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

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